

REMARKS

Claims 14-26 and 36-41 are pending. By this amendment, claim 36 is amended to correct a minor informality therein and allowable claim 41 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 36 from which it depended. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above amendments and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending rejections for at least the reasons discussed below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 14-26 and the indication that claim 41 contains allowable subject matter. Claim 41 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 36 from which it depended. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 41 is also in condition for allowance. Further, for at least the reasons discussed below, Applicant submits that claims 36-40 are also allowable.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 36-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 5,418,301 issued to Sawatsubashi, *et al.* ("Sawatsubashi"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Pages 3 of the Office Action states that Sawatsubashi differs from the instant invention because the reference does not explicitly disclose a black matrix overlapping at least one of the interconnection lines, as recited in claim 41. The Office Action states that it is common and known in the art to form a black matrix on a substrate opposite to the substrate where the gate

lines and the data lines are formed and outside the display area in order to prevent light leakage and improve display quality. Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant implements the black matrix to cover overlap at least one of the interconnection lines so that the interconnection lines may be wider. By widening the interconnection lines, the resistance of the line decreases and thus, performance is improved. For at least these reasons, Applicant submits that Applicant's claim 36 discloses an improved display device and Sawatsubashi fails to disclose and render obvious all the features of Applicant's claim 36.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 36-40 since none of the other prior art of record, whether taken alone or in any combination, discloses or suggests all the features of the claimed invention, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 36, and all the claims that depend therefrom are allowable.

Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance Regarding the Subject Matter of Claims 14-26:

While Applicant does not disagree with the Examiner's determination that the inventions recited in the claims are patentable over the references of record, Applicant objects to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance ("RFA") in the June 5, 2003 Office Action for the following reasons. Applicant respectfully submits that each of the claims in this application defines separate inventions, which recite different combinations of features, and the basis for the patentability of each claim is based upon the totality of the features recited in each claim. The mixing and matching of different claim limitations from different claims renders the RFA vague and indefinite, and possibly subject to unintended interpretations not anticipated by the Examiner

or the Applicant. Moreover, while Applicant believes that the claims are allowable, Applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability of each claim.

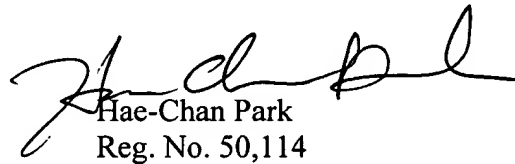
CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 36-41 are allowable in addition to already allowed claims 14-26 and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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